



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Celenese/Greens of Rock Hill/Riverwalk Apartments
2850 Cherry Road, Rock Hill, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through July 30, 2013.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 13-6195-NRP, will affect approximately 16.2 acres identified by tax map number 662-07-01-094. A company known as Riverwalk Apartments, LLC (Riverwalk) wants to buy the property from its current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Riverwalk.

The property was previously used by the Celenese Acetate Company to manufacture synthetic fibers. General location uses around the property include the Catawba River to the north with undeveloped land beyond, undeveloped woodlands and residential property to the east, industrial and commercial property to the south, and commercial property to the west.

Riverwalk intends to construct multifamily housing on the Property. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Riverwalk to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution. Riverwalk did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Riverwalk responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Riverwalk will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, Riverwalk will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, Riverwalk will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/publicnotice.htm> . Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through July 30, 2013. Questions or comments may be directed to Alex Fulmer, telephone (803) 898-0932, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.